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*Snow Blankets Midwest; Creeps Toward Northeast*

Lisa Snow shovels the sidewalk outside of her north side home in Chicago Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015. A heavy snowfall left Chicago covered for the first large storm of the year on Sunday. (AP Photo/Chicago Tribune, Nancy Stone) Page 4

An advertisement for 'Shiva's Gold &amp; Gems' featuring a collection of five rings with various gemstones (yellow diamonds, clear diamonds, and colored stones) set in white metal. The rings are arranged on a dark blue background. The 'Shiva's' logo is at the bottom, with 'GOLD &amp; GEMS' in smaller text below it. Contact information for two locations in Aruba is provided at the bottom.

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## Christie begins trip to London with soccer, not politics



Governor of New Jersey Chris Christie, top right, wearing an Arsenal scarf in the stands during the English Premier League soccer match between Arsenal and Aston Villa at the Emirates stadium in London, Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015. In the front centre the England international coach Roy Hodgson sits with former England international player Gary Neville.

JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — An unabashed fan of the Dallas Cowboys, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie spent Super Bowl Sunday on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, watching football of another sort.

Economic development for New Jersey, and presidential politics, waited for Monday.

The likely Republican presidential contender, who recently launched a political action committee that serves as an early campaign operation, is visiting the United Kingdom on a three-day trade mission that conveniently doubles as a chance to shore up his foreign policy experience and build relationships with a key American ally.

Christie joined nearly 60,000 soccer fans as Arsenal thumped Aston Villa 5-0, on the eve of his business. He was not in a mood to talk politics.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

Asked about his Friday night dinner with Mitt Romney, after the 2012 GOP nominee said he wouldn't run in 2016, Christie said: "Good to see you all."

Asked about the effect of Romney's decision to skip the race, he said: "I just arrived here a few hours ago. I'm not processing a lot at the moment. I've processed some soccer. That was about it. Or football as they call it."

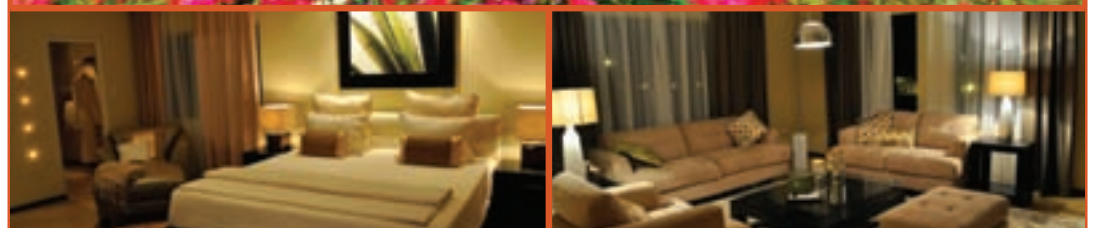
Visiting Britain has become a rite of passage for would-be presidential nominees, but Christie's trip to London is light on business. He'll meet Prime Minister David Cameron at 10 Downing Street and visit nearby Cambridge to highlight New Jersey's pharmaceutical industry, but there are no major speeches planned and few chances for him to talk about foreign policy.

"Game was great," he said after the Arsenal win, sporting a red-and-white-striped

scarf in the home team's signature colors. "We got five goals in one game — highly unusual — so it was good." Christie aides said he would reimburse Arsenal for seats provided by the team. As with his recent visits to Canada and Mexico,

the trip is being paid for by a nonprofit group called Choose New Jersey, which pitches the state's business climate. The group has yet to disclose how much it paid for those earlier trips. Christie's trip attracted some hype from the color-

ful British press. "Cameron to meet with 'big mouth' presidential hopeful Chris Christie during three-day visit," declared the left-leaning Independent, noting Christie's "sometimes brusque banter and blunt bonhomie." □



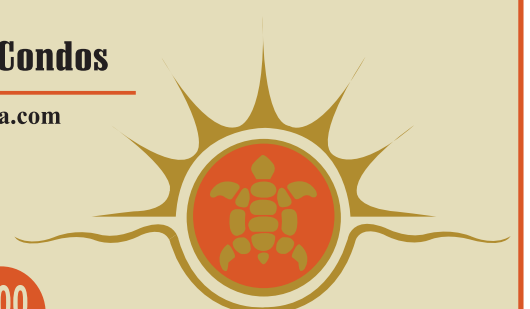
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# Snow Blankets Midwest; Creeps Toward Northeast

**SOPHIA TAREEN**  
**Associated Press**

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind. (AP)** — A slow-moving winter storm blanketed a large swath of the Plains and Midwest in snow Sunday, forcing the cancellation of more than 1,500 flights, making roads treacherous and even forced some people to cancel their plans to attend Super Bowl parties. Blizzard conditions developed in Chicago and other

Midwest locales as the system slowly crept eastward into Pennsylvania and western New York state. Parts of New England still digging out from a storm early last week were bracing for yet another round of snow to arrive late Sunday and last through Monday. The snowstorm is expected to be the most far-reaching of the season to date, stretching from Nebraska to Maine, according to the

National Weather Service. Forecasters also said the storm is moving unusually slowly, meaning accumulations of between 10 to 14 inches of snow are possible for parts of northern Illinois, Indiana and northwest Ohio. Similar amounts of snow are expected for the Northeast late Sunday and throughout Monday. "It's not wise to travel, unless you have an emergency," said David Beachler a



**Cars are covered by snow in general parking lot at O'Hare International Airport on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015, in Chicago. A slow-moving winter storm blanketed a large swath of the Plains and Midwest in snow Sunday, forcing the cancellation of more than 1,500 flights, making roads treacherous and forced some people to rethink their plans to attend Super Bowl parties.**  
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National Weather Service meteorologist in Chicago. Craig Owens, an English professor at Drake University, was one of the many Midwest residents who spent the morning shoveling their driveways. "I'm not going to make it the gym anyway, so I've got to get a workout somehow," said Owens, whose home in Des Moines, Iowa, got about 10 inches of snow. More than 1,500 flights were canceled in the Midwest, the vast majority of which were flights in or out of Chicago's two airports. Chicago's Department of Aviation said about 1,100 departing flights were canceled from O'Hare International Airport and 200 at Midway International Airport. At Detroit Metropolitan Airport, nearly 200 departing flights were canceled, and more delayed. About 20 flights were canceled from Omaha's Eppley Airfield. The winds — gusts up to 45 mph were expected in the Chicago area — made road travel tricky too.

The Illinois Department of Transportation dispatched 350 trucks to clear and salt Chicago-area roadways through the evening and ahead of Monday's morning rush hour. In eastern Nebraska, several sections of Interstate 80 were closed Sunday due to traffic accidents in the icy conditions. The weather led to power outages Sunday, including roughly 18,000 ComEd customers in the Chicago metro area. The weather cut power to nearly 8,000 northern Indiana homes and businesses. The most intense period of snow in the Midwest hit Sunday evening, right around game time, leaving the roads treacherous for those heading to Super Bowl parties. Wind gusts of up to 40 mph were reported, so drivers faced terrible visibility and snarling snow drifts. Several of the Chicago area's top tourist attractions closed early Sunday because of the weather, including the Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium and Brookfield Zoo. □



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## Obama budget seeks to stabilize deficit, address income gap

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**WASHINGTON** - President Barack Obama will propose a 10-year budget Monday that stabilizes the federal deficit but does not seek balance, instead focusing on policies to address income inequality as he adds nearly \$6 trillion to the debt.

The \$4 trillion budget would hit corporations that park profits overseas, raise taxes on the richest of the rich and increase the incomes of the middle class through new spending and tax credits. Obama will challenge the Republican Congress to answer his emphasis on wage stagnation, according to congressional aides briefed on the details.

The central question Obama will pose is this: Should Washington worry about what may be the defining economic issue of the era - the rising gap between the rich and everyone else - or should policymakers address a mountain of debt that the White House hopes to control but not reduce?

The president's budget - thicker than a phone book in multiple volumes - will be just the starting point for that discussion with the newly elected Republican Congress, a document representing Obama's aspirations, not the final word. Criticism of the president's intentions arrived even before the budget was presented.

"We're six years into the Obama economic policies, and he's proposing more of the same, more tax increases that kill investment and jobs, and policies which are hardly aspirational," Rep. Paul D. Ryan of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said in an interview this weekend.

Obama's spending-and-taxes plan foresees a \$474 billion deficit, which would be 2.5 percent of the gross domestic product, a level most economists see as manageable, according to budget documents obtained by The New York Times. The deficit number would creep up each year, to \$687 billion by 2025.

But measured against the economy, the deficit would remain stable.

The debt, while growing every year, would remain around 75 percent of the gross domestic product. That is a level higher than

Ryan, in an extended interview, said Republicans are likely to show some caution in their debt-reduction confrontations, and look for common ground with Obama on an overhaul of the business tax code



President Barack Obama gestures as he speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Friday, Jan. 30, 2015, calling for an investment to move away from one-size-fits-all-medicine, toward an approach that tailors treatment to your genes. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

at any time in the nation's history except for World War II and its immediate aftermath.

Those numbers alone will divide Congress on priorities for the last two years of Obama's presidency.

and on international trade agreements.

Republicans will put forward ideas for controlling the main drivers of the deficit - Social Security and health care programs that are expanding with an ag-

ing population - and will propose a budget that does balance. But, Ryan indicated, they are not likely to force a showdown on entitlements.

"It's hard to imagine the president is going to want to work with Congress on entitlement reform. He's been stifling it all along," Ryan said. "I see that as an issue that's going to require a new president."

The debate will focus instead on policies that can lift middle-class incomes, which have stagnated with a globalized labor force, technology and mechanization.

"The president will make the point that we need strong job growth. We need to invest in our economic future, and that means education, science, research and infrastructure," said Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, the ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee. "I actually see us having a great debate in the next few years."

Obama's budget will kick off that debate with particular tax proposals. □

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## Immigrants could wait until 2019 to have cases resolved

**SETH ROBBINS**  
**Associated Press**

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — Thousands of immigrants seeking legalization through the U.S. court system have had their hearings canceled and are being told by the government that it may be 2019 or later before their futures are resolved.

Some immigration lawyers fear the delay will leave their clients at risk of deportation as evidence becomes dated, witnesses disappear, sponsoring relatives die and dependent children become adults. The increase in cancellations began late last summer after the Justice Department prioritized the tens of thousands of Central American migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, most of them mothers with children and unaccompanied minors. Immigration lawyers in cities that absorbed a large share of those cases, including New York, San Antonio, Los Angeles and Denver, say they've had hearings canceled with little notice and received no new court dates. Work permits, green cards granting permanent residency status, asylum claims, and family reunifications hang in the balance.

Denver immigration lawyer David Simmons said he's never seen such a standstill in nearly 30 years of practice. "There is no maneuverability," he said. "It's as if we have no court at all." One of Simmons' clients, Maximiano Vazquez-Guevara, 34, recently won his

appeal to become a legal permanent resident. But his case still needs to go in front of an immigration judge one last time, and it has been pulled from the docket.

Vazquez, who is from the Mexican state of Guanajuato, entered the U.S. illegally in 1998. He has been fighting deportation since 2011, when he came to authorities' attention after his second driving un-

Vazquez can't leave the country. "It's sad," Vazquez said in a telephone interview. "I feel bad not seeing him, to say one last goodbye."

Before July, only immigrants in detention were considered a priority for the courts. Under the new policies, unaccompanied minors and families facing deportation also have priority status, regardless of whether they're in deten-

who are not in detention have cases pending.

Hearings are being rescheduled for Nov. 29, 2019, as a way to keep cases on the docket, said Lauren Alder Reid, legislative and public affairs counsel for EOIR. Most, however, are likely to receive other dates — either earlier or later, as docket times become available, she said. Many fear that these cases will linger indefinitely at the

were already short two judges because of retirements. Two of the three remaining Denver immigration judges are hearing, via videoconference, cases of families detained in a new detention center in South Texas. The third Denver judge is hearing cases involving unaccompanied minors who've been placed with relatives.

David Martin, a law professor at the University of Virginia who worked for two Democratic presidents, criticized Congress and the Obama administration for not funding more immigration judges.

"You fund more investigators, more detention space, more border patrol, almost all of these are going to produce some kind of immigration court case," he said. "You are putting a lot more people into the system. It's just going to be a big bottleneck unless you increase the size of that pipeline."

San Antonio's immigration courts, which like Denver's are handling a large number of unaccompanied children and detained families, also have seen the cancellations of all non-detainee hearings, which are not considered priority.

Lance Curtright, a San Antonio lawyer, said hearings have been postponed for hundreds of cases his firm is handling. Longtime green card holders facing deportation over minor crimes or procedural issues are going to suffer needlessly, along with their families, he said. □



**Maximiano Vazquez-Guevara, left, his wife Ashley Bowen, and their 6-year-old daughter, Nevaeh Vazquez, pose for a photo in their home Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015, in the northeast Denver suburb of Commerce City, Colo. The presidential executive order that fast-tracked immigration hearings for last summer's flood of Central American migrants may have had unintended consequences in canceling hearings for non-detained immigrants with longstanding cases such as Vazquez-Guevara. (AP Photo/David Zalubowski)**

der the influence charge. He lives in suburban Denver with his American wife, Ashley Bowen, and their 6-year-old daughter, and they are expecting their second child in August. Meanwhile Vazquez's brother in Mexico is dying of kidney failure, and

tion. The Executive Office for Immigration Review, the Justice Department body that oversees the nation's immigration courts, could not say precisely how many hearings had been canceled. But it said more than 415,000 immigrants

bottom of the pile if there is another wave of Central American migrants. Simmons said thousands of non-priority cases in Denver alone have had hearings canceled. When the Central American surge hit last summer, immigration courts there



## Boston bombing:

# Tsarnaev defense likely to focus on dead brother



This file photo shows Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, charged with carrying out the April 2013 attack that killed three people and injured more than 260. Tsarnaev faces a possible death penalty sentence if convicted in his federal court trial in Boston.

(AP Photo/Federal Bureau of Investigation)

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AP Legal Affairs Writer

**BOSTON (AP)** — The best chance to save the life of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev might be to put his dead brother on trial.

When Tsarnaev's case begins, his lawyers are likely to pin their hopes — and the bombings themselves — on his older brother, Tamerlan: an amateur boxer, college student, husband and father who also followed radical Islam and was named by a friend as a participant in a grisly 2011 triple slaying.

"He was the eldest one and he, in many ways, was the role model for his sisters and his brother," said Elmira Khozhugov, the former husband of Tamerlan's sister, Ailina.

"You could always hear his younger brother and sisters say, 'Tamerlan said this,' and 'Tamerlan said that.' Dzhokhar loved him. He would do whatever Tamerlan would say," Khozhugov told The Associated Press in the weeks after the bombings.

Three people were killed and more than 260 were injured when two homemade pressure-cooker bombs exploded near the finish line of the iconic race on April 15, 2013.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, died days after the bombings following a gun battle with police. Dzhokhar, then 19, was later found hiding in a boat parked in a backyard. Jury selection in his federal death penalty trial is entering its second month.

Dzhokhar's lawyers have made it clear they will try to show that he was heavily influenced, maybe even intimidated, by his older brother, into participating in the bombings. Prosecutors are prepared to argue that Dzhokhar was a full and willing participant in the bombings.

If a jury convicts Dzhokhar, its decision on whether to give him life in prison or sentence him to death could depend "on the extent to which it views Tamerlan Tsarnaev as having induced or coerced his young brother" to help commit the crimes, the defense argued in a court filing.

About a decade before the attack, their parents, ethnic Chechens, had moved the family to the U.S. from the volatile Dagestan region of Russia after living in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan. Their father, Anzor Tsarnaev, told The Associated Press they emigrated in part to escape discrimination.

The relationship between the two brothers would likely be a key part of the evidence Dzhokhar's lawyers present even if he's convicted, said David Hoose, who represented a Massachusetts nurse who was spared the federal death penalty in the killings of four patients. Under the federal death penalty law, juries deciding on a sentence can consider whether a defendant "was under unusual and substantial duress," regardless of whether duress is used as a defense to the charges. If the defense is allowed to use evidence of Tamerlan's possible involvement in the triple murder, they could argue that Dzhokhar was under duress to participate in the marathon bombings, Hoose said.

Prosecutors have said that a friend of Tamerlan, Ibragim Todashev, implicated him in the killings of three men in Waltham whose bodies were found sprinkled with marijuana, their throats cut. Todashev was shot to death by an FBI agent after authorities said he charged another investigator with a pole while being questioned about the Tsarnaevs.

"If they can show that the older brother is gruesomely involved in the murders, all the more reason that Dzhokhar felt that not only is he my brother — he is someone not to fool around with. I have to do what he says," Hoose said.

Tamerlan's high school friends say he appeared to adjust well to his life in America. □

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## American Living:

# Many Labels, Little Clarity with Non-GMO Products

STEPHANIE STROM

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Few industry debates are as heated these days as the one about labeling foods that contain genetically modified ingredients. And while interest groups and advocates wage war in state legislatures, on ballots and in Congress over what should be disclosed on product labels, products certified as containing no genetically modified organisms are proliferating on grocery shelves without any nationwide mandatory regulations.

Moreover, many manufacturers are nodding to the public debate, adding the phrase "non-GMO" to their packaging without a verification process.

"We've put it on our labels because it was something our customers wanted to know," said Hitesh Hajar-navis, chief executive of Popcorn Indiana, which sells ready-to-eat popcorn. So if more companies elect to put labels on their products stating that they are GMO-free, whether verified or not, does that make the fierce policy debate increasingly moot? "It's an interesting question," said Jean Halloran, director of food policy initiatives at Consumers Union, which lobbies for mandatory labeling.

The shift toward voluntary labeling has also led to a lot of consumer confusion, as different labels, organizations and agencies issue seals or stamps that attest to compliance with few, if any, uniform standards. In addition, food companies are tacking the words non-GMO on items that would never be considered in need of such labeling.

The Non-GMO Project, the leading certification

group in the United States, has verified more than 24,500 products, while the average grocery store contains 40,000 to 50,000 items, some of which are not food, according to the Food Marketing Institute. Even more products have packaging that simply contains language stating that they are GMO-free. Boxes of the original Cheerios, for example, state "not made

not necessarily trust food labels. And 61 percent of those consumers said it was "very" or "moderately" important to buy products with a non-GMO label, exceeded only by those saying it was important to buy products without high-fructose corn syrup.

Granted, the average store is unlikely to carry a full complement of the certified products, while

at which voluntary labeling tackles the problem," said Halloran of Consumers Union.

Michael R. Gruber, vice president for federal affairs at the Grocery Manufacturers Association, a trade association representing major food manufacturers, said its members wanted the Food and Drug Administration to be the main regulator of food labeling,

vide the industry with guidance."

Yet in poll after poll, consumers have overwhelmingly said they want labels on foods that contain genetically modified ingredients. Most recently, 66 percent of respondents to an Associated Press-GfK poll last month said they wanted foods containing genetically modified ingredients to be labeled. Only 7 percent did not want such labeling.

Research by the Hartman Group found that 52 percent of consumers said they knew what genetically modified organisms were but less than a third could identify the crops that now are grown using genetically modified seeds.

"There's no doubt that the industry is fighting a rear-guard action on this and trying to put it to rest," said Carl Jorgensen, director of global consumer strategy for wellness at Daymon Worldwide, a consumer research and consulting firm. "But there's an aura of inevitability about it now."

Most corn, soy, canola and sugar beets, which are used to produce common food ingredients like high-fructose corn syrup, xanthan gum and ascorbic acid, are grown from genetically altered seeds, and papaya from Hawaii is largely genetically modified.

"It's hard for the average consumer to remember, 'Oh, I need to worry about corn and soy but I don't have to worry about blueberries,'" said Jared Simon, who heads the snack foods business at the Hain Celestial Group, which owns brands like Arrowhead Mills and Earth's Best. "There's no easy way to navigate right now." □



**Various food products whose labels boast their manufacture without genetically-modified organisms, in New York, Jan. 27, 2015. Non-GMO labels are proliferating on grocery shelves without any mandatory regulation or verification of what exactly the phrase means, particularly when used on products that would not normally be considered in need of the clarification.**

(The New York Times)

with genetically modified ingredients" on a side panel.

Nielsen, which conducts consumer research and analysis, said sales of non-GMO products exceeded \$10 billion last year and grew at a faster pace than sales of gluten-free items over the last four years.

In a Nielsen study of 30,000 consumers published this month, 80 percent of respondents said they would pay more for foods with labels like "non-GMO" even though most of them do

food cooperatives, natural food stores and chains like Sprouts Farmers Market and Whole Foods Market have a higher proportion of items that have been officially certified.

Proponents of labeling note that while sales of products certified by the Non-GMO Project almost tripled last year, to more than \$8.5 billion, that represents a small fraction of grocery stores' total sales of \$620 billion in 2013. "Unfortunately, we're still a long way from the point

a role it has had historically. The industry spent more than \$100 million last year to narrowly defeat various ballot initiatives to require more stringent labeling and it is backing a federal law that would pre-empt state laws on the issue.

"The political reality is that we are fighting the potential for a multistate patchwork of food-labeling laws and regulations for GMOs that would look very different from one state to the next," Gruber said. "We would like the FDA to pro-



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## Ukrainian separatist advance forces mass civilian flight



People board a bus to leave the town of Debaltseve, Ukraine. Fighting between government and Russian-backed separatist forces in eastern Ukraine has intensified in recent days as rebels seek to encircle the town of Debaltseve, which hosts a strategically important railway hub.

(AP Photo/Petr David Josek)

**PETER LEONARD**  
**Associated Press**  
**SVYATOHIRSK, Ukraine**  
**(AP)** — As fighting escalates around the town Debaltseve in eastern Ukraine, a growing wave of civilians are fleeing their homes, taking the risk of being struck by stray projectiles on their way, and often leaving family members behind.

Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk said that around 1,000 of Debaltseve's residents have been evacuated in the past days. Many end up at a government-owned holiday camp in the resort town of Svyatohirsk, where the sound of artillery fire is replaced with an uneasy quiet.

"With every slam of the door or whistle, we are reminded of the explosions and everything that happened. But we are getting used to the quiet, which is an unusual feeling," said Ira Akhmutova, 15, who left Debaltseve together with her mother and the

few things they could carry.

"My dad and my grandmother are still in Debaltseve. Telephone connections are very poor and I am very worried about them," Akhmutova said.

Fighting has been most intense in the last week around the government-held town, a strategically valuable railway hub that has been almost entirely encircled by rebel forces. Only one road remains open for escape, and that has been targeted by artillery fire.

Ukraine's government said Sunday that 13 of its troops were killed and another 20 wounded in a day of fighting across the east.

Among those who left their homes to go to Svyatohirsk is Galina Maksimenko, 63, and one of her granddaughters.

After one episode of heavy shelling, she recalls pleading with her late son's wife to take her two daughters away from Debaltseve

on a government bus for evacuees. The daughter-in-law refused, saying she wanted to remain near her husband's grave.

"I begged her, said to her: 'You have to save the living. You cannot bring Andrei back. Escape with your children,'" Maksimenko said.

And still, the daughter-in-law refused to budge.

"So my husband grabbed my coat and that of one of my granddaughters and locked us out in the street. And then he shouted: 'Save this one. If they refuse to be saved, at least

try save one of them,'" Maksimenko said.

Busses are being dispatched daily to Debaltseve by Ukrainian authorities to carry out as many civilians as possible.

Vasily Stayetsky, deputy chairman of Ukraine state emergency service, told The Associated Press that a projectile crashed Sunday by the town hall, which now serves as a mustering point for those wishing to leave.

"Six people were wounded — Three were civilians, one was a soldier, and another two were representatives

of the state emergency services," Stayetsky said.

Debaltseve has been without power, water, household gas and heating for more than 10 days. Only the relatively mild weather has lightened the extreme discomfort. Mobile phone signals waver between sporadic and nonexistent.

In a Svyatohirsk camp recreation room, one six-year old boy, Sergei, filled in a coloring book and casually told of how a shell fell by a shop in Debaltseve. He said he couldn't tell if it was a Grad or an Uragan rocket. □

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## Officials: Egypt releases imprisoned Al-Jazeera reporter

**SARAH EL DEEB**  
**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — A reporter for Al-Jazeera English was released from an Egyptian prison and deported Sunday after more than a year behind bars, but his two Egyptian colleagues remained jailed in a case widely condemned as a sham by human-rights groups.

Australian Peter Greste was whisked away on a flight to Cyprus. His release came as a welcome surprise to fellow reporters and activists who spent months pressing for his freedom.

But rights groups and Greste's Qatar-based broadcaster called on Egypt to release the other two defendants in the case, which has hindered the country's international standing as it struggles to recover from the political unrest and economic collapse caused by the 2011 uprising.

Greste, Egyptian-Canadian Mohammed Fahmy and Egyptian Baher Mohammed were arrested in December 2013 over their coverage of the violent crackdown on Islamist protests following the military



**FILE - Al-Jazeera English producer Baher Mohamed, left, Canadian-Egyptian acting Cairo bureau chief Mohammed Fahmy, center, and correspondent Peter Greste, right, appear in court along with several other defendants during their trial on terror charges, in Cairo, Egypt.**

(AP Photo/Heba Elkholy, El Shorouk)

time of violent upheaval. The three were widely seen as having been caught up in a regional power struggle between Egypt and Qatar, which funds Al-Jazeera and had been a strong backer of Morsi. Greste's release follows a thawing of ties between Cairo and Doha.

"Hard to believe but YES @ PeterGreste is a free man," his brother Andrew wrote on Twitter. An Egyptian prison official and the nation's official news agency said Greste was released following a presidential "approval." The official and an Interior Ministry statement said he was released under a new deportation law passed last year. The law appeared to have been tailored to the Al-Jazeera case. □

overthrow of President Mohammed Morsi. Egyptian authorities accused them of providing a platform for Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood, now de-

clared a terrorist organization. But authorities provided no concrete evidence. The journalists and their supporters insist they were doing their jobs during a

### Yemen:

## Rebels offer 3 days to fill power vacuum

**AHMED AL-HAJ**  
**BRIAN ROHAN**

**Associated Press**

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — Rebels who control Yemen's capital have given a three-day ultimatum for political forces to fill a power vacuum, otherwise they will take over themselves, they said Sunday.

The rebels, known as Houthis, announced the decision on their al-Masirah television station, as the final statement from a political summit they have been holding in a sports stadium since Friday to organize "a peaceful transfer of power."

Impoverished Yemen, home to a formidable al-

Qaida affiliate, has been leaderless since Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi resigned the presidency last month after the Houthis pressured him for a greater share of power and besieged his home.

A day earlier, an official close to Hadi said he would not reconsider his resignation, despite pressure for him to do so by the Houthis, who he said are holding him "at gunpoint." They have kept him under de facto house arrest since earlier this month.

The Houthis control all major government buildings in Sanaa, as well as a number of key military facilities including the headquarters

of the paramilitary special forces and air force. A main movement representing southerners has already withdrawn from a U.N. sponsored dialogue with the Houthis, calling them 'absurd' and demanding that the rebels release Hadi and allow the country's parliament to convene normally.

Later in the day, armed Houthis, who have controlled Sanaa since September, broke up a protest against them at the city's main university, detaining several people. They hold around a dozen activists in the capital, after releasing some two dozen others in recent days. □

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## Horror in Japan as video purports to show hostage beheaded

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Associated Press

**TOKYO (AP)** — Appalled and saddened by news of journalist Kenji Goto's purported beheading by Islamic State extremists, Japan ordered heightened security precautions Sunday and said it would persist with its non-military support for fighting terrorism. The failure to save Goto raised fears for the life of a Jordanian fighter pilot also held by the militant group that controls about a third of both Syria and Iraq. Unlike some earlier messages delivered in the crisis, the video that circulated online late Saturday purporting to show a militant beheading Goto did not mention the pilot.

Jordan renewed an offer Sunday to swap an al-Qaida prisoner for the pilot, Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh, who was seized after his F-16 crashed near the Islamic State group's de facto capital, Raqqa, Syria, in December.

Government spokesman Mohammed al-Momani told The Associated Press that "we are still ready to hand over" Sajida al-Rishawi, who faces death by hanging for her role in triple hotel bombings in Jordan in 2005.

Al-Momani also said his country spared no effort to free Goto.

The slaying of Goto, a freelance reporter whose work focused on refugees, children and other victims of war, shocked this country, which until now had not become directly embroiled in the fight against

the militants.

"I feel indignation over this immoral and heinous act of terrorism," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters after convening an emer-

gency Cabinet meeting. "He was kind and he was brave," said Yukawa's father Shoichi. "He tried to save my son."

"It's utterly heartbreaking," he said, crying and shak-

ing. "People killing other people — it's so deplorable. How can this be happening?"

Abe vowed to continue providing humanitarian aid to countries fighting the Islamic State extremists. Bowing to terrorist intimidation would prevent Japan from providing medical assistance and other aid it views as necessary for helping to restore stability in the region, he and other officials say.

But the government spokesman, Suga, said Abe would not link the hostage crisis to his efforts to expand Japan's military

role in "collective self-defense" with the U.S. and other allies.

The White House released a statement in which President Barack Obama also condemned "the heinous murder" and praised Goto's reporting, saying he "courageously sought to convey the plight of the Syrian people to the outside world."

The White House said that while it isn't confirming the authenticity of the video itself, it has confirmed that Goto has been slain. Japan also has deemed the video highly likely to be authentic, said the defense minister, Gen Nakatani.

Highlighted by militant sympathizers on social media sites, the video bore the symbol of the Islamic State group's al-Furqan media arm.

Though it could not be immediately independently verified by The Associated Press, it conformed to other beheading videos by the group.

Many Japanese expressed dismay over the news.

"I feel so sad and angry. Why didn't the government rescue Kenji?" said Mayuko Tamura, 31, a pediatrician who along with her husband and their 8-month-old baby joined a few dozen people gathered in front of Abe's official residence Sunday afternoon to show their sympathy for the hostages.

In Jordan late Saturday night, relatives and supporters of the pilot held a candlelit vigil inside a family home in Karak, al-Kaseasbeh's hometown in southern Jordan. □



**Japanese women react as they read extra newspapers in Tokyo reporting about an online video that purported to show an Islamic State group militant beheading Japanese journalist Kenji Goto, Sunday morning, Feb. 1, 2015. Japan condemned with outrage and horror on Sunday after the video was posted on militant websites late Saturday Middle East time. The headline reads: "A video on killing of Goto."**

gency Cabinet meeting.

"When I think of the grief of his family, I am left speechless," he said. "We are filled with deep regret."

Threats from the Islamic State group prompted an order for tighter security at airports and at Japanese facilities overseas, such as embassies and schools, government spokesman Yoshihide Suga said.

He said it would be "inappropriate" to comment on the status of the Jordanian pilot.

With no updates for days, al-Kaseasbeh's family appealed to the government for information on his situa-

tion. But for Goto's family and friends, the beheading shattered any hopes for his rescue.

"I was hoping Kenji might be able to come home," said Goto's brother, Junichi Goto, in a separate interview. "I was hoping he would return and thank everyone for his rescue, but that's impossible, and I'm bitterly disappointed."

According to his friends and family, Goto traveled to Syria in late October to try to save Haruna Yukawa, 42, who was taken hostage in August and who was shown as purportedly killed in an earlier video.

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## Ex-spy chief wanted in Colombia for wiretaps surrenders

JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) —

The former head of Colombia's intelligence agency ended several years on the run and surrendered to face charges of spying on opponents of former President Alvaro Uribe.

Maria del Pilar Hurtado this weekend turned herself over to authorities in Panama, where she fled in 2010. She was taken on a pre-dawn flight to Bogota, where a judge ordered her to be jailed at the chief prosecutor's office while charges are considered.

Chief prosecutor Eduardo Montealegre said Hurtado was being processed for at least five offenses that could bring 15 to 20 years in prison for a conviction. He said he would urge Hurtado to cooperate and reveal "who gave the order for the illegal wiretapping."

The accusations against the spy chief threaten to further tarnish the legacy of Uribe, for years the



Panama's Deputy Foreign Minister Alvaro Aleman, right, accompanies Maria del Pilar Hurtado, former head of Colombia's domestic intelligence agency, as she leaves the foreign ministry building, in Panama City. After several years on the run the ex-spy chief surrendered to authorities in Panama this weekend to face charges of spying on opponents of Colombia's former President Alvaro Uribe. She's now being held at the chief prosecutor's office in Colombia awaiting arraignment. (AP Photo/Arnulfo Franco)

United States' staunchest ally in Latin America and credited with crushing leftist rebels once dominant across large swaths of the country.

Hurtado has never implicated the former president in any wrongdoing. As head of the now-defunct DAS spy agency, she oversaw a scandal-ridden

institution whose agents seemed unrestrained in their use of illegal wiretaps to monitor politicians, human rights defenders, journalists and even Supreme

Court justices who opposed the former conservative leader.

Dozens of DAS officials, including one of Hurtado's predecessors, have been convicted of illegal spying and providing assistance to right-wing paramilitary death squads.

When President Juan Manuel Santos took office in 2010, he immediately disbanded the DAS and pursued charges against several of its former officials.

Hurtado was granted asylum in Panama in 2010. But the Central American country's Supreme Court ruled last year that the decision giving her refuge was unconstitutional.

Her case before Colombia's Supreme Court is among several investigations that Uribe says Santos has launched against some of his former aides.

While serving as Uribe's defense minister, Santos oversaw the military offensive that was credited with bringing down one of the world's highest murder and kidnapping rates. But the two men are now arch-enemies, with Uribe accusing Santos of jeopardizing security gains in his bid to strike a peace deal with leftist rebels. Uribe's former finance chief, Oscar Ivan Zuluaga, was compelled on Friday to testify before prosecutors about his relationship with a computer expert hired by his 2014 presidential campaign to allegedly hack into government email accounts to uncover information that could derail Santos' peace talks. Uribe took to Twitter on Saturday to denounce what he called the "political torture" of Hurtado. □

## Runner-up snatches crown in Brazil beauty pageant

ADRIANA LICON

Associated press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

A Brazilian beauty pageant took a bizarre turn when the first runner-up snatched the crown off the winner of the Miss Amazonas contest, refusing to accept her loss.

Sheislane (shays-lah-nee) Hayalla is justifying her reaction by claiming her rival, Carol Toledo, bought the title. Pageant organizers could not be reached for comment.

"I wanted to express my disapproval of the ac-

tions shown in preparation of Miss Amazonas 2015. I don't regret having protested," she wrote in a message posted on her Facebook page Saturday night. "I wanted something clean and honest." At the crowning ceremony this weekend, Hayalla initially hugged her opponent as the winner's name was announced. Seconds later, as a woman adjusted the crown onto Toledo's hair, Hayalla stepped forward to snatch the tiara violently from her head and throw it onto

the stage before storming away while the crowd applauded. She did not respond to a request for comment.

Images from the crowning moment quickly spread on social media sites. Internet users created memes showing Hayalla taking the crown from Queen Elizabeth II, and Kanye West taking the microphone from Taylor Swift during the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards with the caption, "Let go! This belongs to Sheislane."

The winner of Miss Ama-

zonas represents the jungle state in the national Miss Brazil contest. It was unclear whether Hayalla would keep her status as Miss Amazonas first runner-up.

"I apologize if anyone didn't like my attitude, but I really did what my heart told me to," Hayalla said in a video after the contest.

Hayalla represented Brazil in last year's Miss Globe International pageant, held in Baku, Azerbaijan, where she also was named first runner-up. □





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## Dates Set For Curaçao International BlueSeas Festival 2015

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The blues world and the genre itself would, as it turned out, never recover from this blow. Indeed, it was through Stevie that the genre had advanced immensely and enjoyed a never before seen popularity amongst all sections of the general public which, until the mid-eighties, was an unprecedented phenomenon.

Now, almost 25 years later, it is often said that the blues music is a dying form.



A much-used observation of journalists, record bosses and so-called 'connoisseurs' of the genre. It is true that blues isn't played on 'mainstream' radio anymore and big international successes of real blues performers have become scarce since the death of Stevie Ray Vaughan. Of course, Eric Clapton does keep the momentum somewhat alive through his solo and co-productions with still living blues legends. Buddy Guy, B.B. King, Charlie Musselwhite, Bonnie Raitt, Robert Cray and other from 'the old school' also make an effort. As do 'newcomers' like Joe Bonamassa and Gary Clark, Jr. □Curaçao is going to make

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Walker, The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band, Lurrie Bell, Shemekia Copeland, Moreland & Arbuckle, and The Slide Brothers have been confirmed for Thursday 7 and Friday 8 May while the original Blues Brothers and blues legend Buddy Guy will close the festival on Saturday 9 May. Further information about Curaçao International BlueSeas Festival will be announced mid-February. □





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Novak Djokovic of Serbia makes a backhand return to Andy Murray of Britain during the men's singles final at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015. Djokovic beat Murray 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-0 in Sunday's final.

(AP Photo/Vincent Thian)

## Djokovic Wins 5th Australian Open; Murray Melts Down

**DENNIS PASSA**  
AP Sports Writer

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)** — Novak Djokovic won his fifth Australian Open title and his eighth career Grand Slam while extend-

ing Andy Murray's misery at Melbourne Park.

Djokovic beat Murray 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-0 in Sunday's final, relegating the Scotsman to runner-up status for the fourth time in four

tries in the Australian Open final.

Murray had lost twice previously to Djokovic — in 2011 and 2013 — and to Roger Federer in 2010.

The No. 1-ranked Djokovic,

meanwhile, is a perfect 5-for-5 in Australian Open finals.

"There were a lot of turning points in the match," Djokovic said.

"Regardless of the record I

have here, we both knew we had equal chances to win. It was a cat-and-mouse fight, it always is with us."

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## Desert Storm: Super Bowl Champions Crowned In Arizona

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## Desert Storm:

# Brady rallies Patriots to 28-24 Super Bowl win over Seahawks

**BARRY WILNER**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

**GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP)** —

Tom Brady and the Patriots made this Super Bowl all about football, not footballs, as it was a battle to the end in the Arizona desert.

Clutch football, spiced by a sensational fourth-quarter rally and a goal-line, game-saving interception. The record-setting Brady threw for four touchdowns, including a 3-yarder to Julian Edelman with 2:02 remaining Sunday night as New England rallied from a 10-point deficit to win its fourth Super Bowl in the Brady-Bill Belichick era, 28-24 over Seattle.

But the Patriots (15-4) had to survive a last-ditch drive by the Seahawks (14-5), who got to the 1, helped by a spectacular juggling catch by Jermaine Kearse. Rookie Malcolm Butler stepped in front of Ricardo Lockette and picked off Russell Wilson's off-target pass to complete one of the wildest Super Bowl finishes. Brady leaped for joy on the Patriots sideline after Butler's interception.

"It wasn't the way we drew it up," said Brady, who won his third Super Bowl MVP award. Brady surpassed Joe Montana's mark of 11 Super Bowl touchdown passes with a 5-yarder to Danny Amendola to bring the Patriots within three points.

Seattle, seeking to become the first repeat NFL champion since New England a decade ago, was outplayed for the first half, yet tied at 14. The Seahawks scored the only 10 points of the third period, but the NFL-leading defense couldn't slow the brilliant Brady when it counted most. It didn't matter how much air was in the balls, game Brady was unstoppable when the pressure was strongest. While pushing aside the controversy over air pressure in the footballs stemming from the AFC title game, the Patriots toyed with Seattle in the final 12 minutes.

Seattle didn't quit — it nev-

er does — and Kearse's 33-yard catch with 1:06 remaining got it to the 5. Marshawn Lynch rushed for 4 yards, then backup cornerback Butler, who was victimized on Kearse's reception, made the biggest play of his first NFL season with 20 seconds remaining. "I just had a vision that I was going to make a big play and it came true," said Butler, an undrafted rookie from West Alabama. "I'm just blessed. I can't explain it right now. It's crazy."

Seahawks linebacker Bruce Irvin was ejected in the final seconds for instigating a near-brawl, delaying the celebration for the Patriots.

Soon they were mobbing one another on the same field where their 2007 unbeaten season was ruined in the Super Bowl by the Giants. They also fell to the Giants for the 2011 title.

But thanks to superstar Brady and the obscure Butler, they are champions again.

Brady now has equaled



**New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady celebrates with the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the NFL Super Bowl XLIX football game against the Seattle Seahawks Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015, in Glendale, Ariz. The Patriots won 28-24.**

(AP Photo/Michael Conroy)



**Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Ricardo Lockette (83) reacts after New England Patriots strong safety Malcolm Butler (21) intercepted the ball during the second half of NFL Super Bowl XLIX football game Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015, in Glendale, Ariz. The Patriots won 28-24.**

(AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

Montana with four Lombardi Trophies and three Super Bowl MVPs. He stands alone with 13 Super Bowl touchdown passes. He was 37 for 50 for 328 yards against the NFL's top-ranked defense.

He also was picked off twice. Brady had been intercepted a total of two times in his previous five Super Bowls. Yet, he picked apart the Seahawks on drives of 68 and 64 yards, solidifying his legacy as one of the greats of the game. His heroics offset those of Chris Matthews, one of Seattle's least-used players before the postseason. Matthews recovered the onside kick that helped the Seahawks beat Green Bay in overtime for the NFC crown, and had a breakout performance Sunday. Having never caught a pass in the NFL, Matthews grabbed four for 109 yards and a touchdown. Lynch ran for 102 yards, but didn't get the ball at the 1 on the decisive play — a decision the Seahawks will rue. □



# Djokovic Wins 5th Australian Open; Murray Melts Down

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Djokovic swung momentum in a close match with a service break in the eighth game of the third set, winning four straight points. When he took a 4-0 lead in the last set, he smacked his fist hard against his chest in celebration.

At the end of the match, Djokovic threw his racket into the crowd at Rod Laver Arena. Roy Emerson, the only other man with five or more Australian titles, was in the crowd and Djokovic acknowledged the presence of the six-time champion.

"I'm so grateful to be standing here as a champion for the fifth time, and to be in the elite group of players," Djokovic said.

Murray sat slumped over in his chair after the match, awaiting the presentations, and once again received the runner-up plate instead of the trophy.

"It's been my most consistent Grand Slam of my career. I haven't been quite able to win, but the support I've received here has been amazing," Murray said. "I'll try and come back next year and hopefully have a slightly different outcome in the final."

Murray said he had chances to win the match. "Obviously I had opportunities in the first three sets," Murray said. "In the fourth set, I mean, he was just ripping everything. Returns he was hitting on the baseline. Once he got up a break, he just loosened up and was just going for his shots. I couldn't recover."

"Novak has won five times here now, there's no disgrace, obviously, in losing to him."

Djokovic appeared to be troubled by a leg ailment in the third set, and it distracted Murray.

"I had a crisis at the end of the second, beginning of the third (set), I needed some time to regroup," Djokovic said. "I just had

weakness, I couldn't call for medical because I had no reason."

Djokovic served for the first set after breaking Murray in the eighth game, but Murray broke back. After that game, Djokovic had a trainer attend to this right thumb.

He double-faulted to open the tiebreaker but then, after Murray took a 2-1 lead, won five of the next six points to regain control. He clinched the set when Murray netted a backhand service return.

In the second set, Djokovic saved a set point in the 10th game and Murray saved three break points in the 11th before it went to the tiebreaker. Sixth-seeded Murray dominated the breaker to lead 6-2, securing four set points before clinching it on Djokovic's serve. The second set was delayed for about five minutes after the seventh game when a court invader protesting Australia's refugee policies was removed by security after stepping on to the court. Other spectators in the stadium unfurled a political banner. Organizers said two people were arrested, and the court invasion was dealt with swiftly.

There was a bigger cheer for Djokovic when the introductions were made, but plenty of Scottish flags in the stands. Some Serbian fans yelled "Adje Nole" — Serbian for "Come on Nole," which is Djokovic's nickname.

Before the match began, Andy Murray's fiancée, Kim Sears, caused a stir. She was dressed in an oversized T-shirt with a message that poked fun at the widespread attention paid to her use of colorful language during Murray's semifinal win over Tomas Berdych.

Rather than shy away from the issue, Sears' t-shirt for the final showed a sense of humor. It read: "Parental Advisory Explicit Content." □



Andy Murray of Britain yells as he plays Novak Djokovic of Serbia during the men's singles final at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015. Djokovic beat Murray 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-0 in Sunday's final.

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## Mcllroy wins Dubai Desert Classic

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — An unrelenting Rory Mcllroy secured his second Dubai Desert Classic title in six years with a 2-under 70 in the final round to win by three shots on Sunday.

The Northern Irishman's 22-under 266 total matched the lowest in the history of the tournament, set by Stephen Gallacher in 2013 and Thomas Bjorn in 2001.

The top-ranked Mcllroy,

whose win here in 2009 was his first as a professional, made just three birdies Sunday but kept mistakes off his card. His only bogey of the round came on the par-3 seventh hole at Emirates Golf Club's Majlis course.

"I just wanted to keep my ball in play and not really make any mistakes and try and pick off some birdies when I could on the par 5s," Mcllroy said.

"I did what I needed to do.

It wasn't the best round that I've played this year but I got the job done and that's the most important thing."

Sweden's Alexander Noren, making a comeback from a wrist injury which restricted him to playing just two events in 2014, had eight birdies in his round of 65 to take second place at 19-under 269.

"I never even thought of winning, Rory's playing so good," said Noren, who



**Rory Mcllroy of Northern Ireland plays a ball on the 18th hole during final round of the Dubai Desert Classic golf tournament in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Sunday, Feb.1, 2015.**

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Defending champion Gallacher closed with a 69 to give the Scot third place at 16-under 272.

There was a five-way tie for fourth on 15-under 273, involving Germany's Martin Kaymer (64), France's

Gary Stal (68), Austria's Bernd Wiesberger (70), England's Andy Sullivan (70) and Denmark's Morten Orum Madsen (73).

The \$2.5 million tournament forms the closing leg of the three-stop Desert Swing of the European Tour. □

## Lydia Ko takes No. 1 spot at 17, Na Yeon Choi wins opener

**STEVE ELLING**  
**Associated Press**

**OCALA, Florida (AP)** — With a notable double prize not only within reach, but practically in her grip, New Zealand teenager Lydia Ko had to settle for half of the spoils on Saturday — though it represented a significant piece of golf history, nonetheless.

After reclaiming the lead late in the final round, the 17-year-old Ko double-bogeyed the 71st hole in the inaugural Coates Golf Championship to lose by a shot to Na Yeon Choi.

However, the transplanted New Zealander became the youngest player of either gender to climb to world No. 1, breaking the record set by Tiger Woods by almost four years.

As the ramifications of the distinction finally took hold, the sting of defeat at Golden Ocala Golf and Eques-

trian Club wasn't quite so bad. The notion of celebrating, which first set her back for a moment, didn't seem so crazy after all.

"It's going to be good," Ko said. "I was here to focus on the tournament itself, but I guess I got a great outcome at the end of the day, too."

After leading by as many as four shots on the front nine, Ko trailed Choi by a shot as they played the par-3 15th.

With Choi facing a 6-footer for birdie, Ko slammed in an improbable 60-footer and Choi promptly three-putted for a two-shot swing.

The teenager's lead didn't last long. Ko drove into a fairway bunker, then fanned a hybrid shot into a stand of pine trees down the right side of the 17th hole, scrambling to make a double bogey. □





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# Whiteside powers for Heat in 83-75 win over Celtics

**MATTHEW CARROLL**  
**Associated Press**

**BOSTON (AP)** - Hassan Whiteside scored half of his 20 points during a dominant stretch spanning the third and fourth quarters to help the Miami Heat stave off Boston's rally and snap a two-game slide with an 83-75 victory over the Celtics on Sunday.

Whiteside also had nine rebounds and blocked three shots, while Chris Bosh added 18 points and Tyler Johnson had 13, helping overcome the absences of Dwyane Wade and Luol Deng. Wade missed his second game in a row with a strained right hamstring, while Deng sat out his third straight with a strained calf. Wade, who injured himself in Tuesday's loss to Milwaukee, is averaging 21.4 points and 5.4 assists per game. Avery Bradley and Tyler Zeller led the Celtics with 17 points apiece, and Brandon Bass had 15. It was Boston's third straight loss and fourth in its last five. Both teams were coming

off their worst shooting performances of the season. Miami was held to a season-low 33.0 percent in a

The suddenly surging 7-foot sensation was relatively quiet for the first two-and-a-half quarters before he



**Miami Heat's Hassan Whiteside tries to get past Boston Celtics' Jared Sullinger during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Boston, Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015. (AP Photo/Winslow Townson)**

loss to Dallas, while Boston shot 35.6 percent in a setback to Houston. Neither fared much better Sunday, with Boston shooting 37 percent and Miami 41.6, but Whiteside's 10-for-17 performance fueled the Heat's third win in their last seven games.

began resembling the center who came in averaging 15.3 points and 17.7 rebounds over his previous three games, including a triple-double line of 14 points, 13 rebounds and a franchise-record 12 blocks last Sunday. After Boston erased a

12-point halftime deficit, tying it at 55 with less than three minutes to play in the third, Whiteside had his way with the young Celtics. He scored Miami's final

four points of the third and opened the fourth by scoring six straight points, including a pair of long jumpers that restored the Heat's eight-point cushion. □



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# Anthony, Knicks rout Lakers 92-80

**BRIAN MAHONEY**

**NEW YORK (AP)** -- Carmelo Anthony scored 18 of his 31 points in the third quarter and the New York Knicks beat the Los Angeles Lakers 92-80 Sunday.

With Kobe Bryant out for the season and both teams among the worst in the NBA, it was anything but a Super Sunday in New York, where the national TV audience that was originally scheduled to see it missed the Lakers shooting 35.5 percent from the field. Anthony stood out above the ugliness, soaring to dunk an alley-oop pass in the second quarter before turning mostly to his jumper in the third to help New

York pull away. He shot 13 of 25 and grabbed eight rebounds.

Langston Galloway added 13 points for the Knicks, who have won five of seven and did it easily, building their first 20-point lead since they were up 21 in a victory over Philadelphia on Nov. 22.

Carlos Boozer had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Lakers, who lost for the 10th time in 11 games. Jordan Clarkson also scored 19 points.

The Lakers had snapped their nine-game losing streak with a double-overtime victory over Chicago on Thursday but they remain lost on the road,

where they fell for the seventh straight time.

The Knicks are 10-38, slightly worse than the Lakers' 13-35 mark. Missing half its star power with Bryant sidelined after shoulder surgery, the game was yanked from ESPN - the Knicks' fourth consecutive game that was dropped from the NBA's national TV schedule.

It was Derek Fisher's first time coaching against the team he helped win five championships, and now Phil Jackson, the coach of those teams, will have to figure out how to build the Knicks into contenders. Fisher said that doesn't require landing another star

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# Ajax loses to Vitesse, falls 9 points behind PSV

**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — Four-time defending champion Ajax saw its chances of a fifth straight title fade into the distance on Sunday as it lost 1-0 at Vitesse Arnhem to fall nine points behind Eredivisie leader PSV Eindhoven after 20 rounds. A listless Ajax created almost no clear-cut chances in Arnhem and the match looked to be heading for a 0-0 draw until Serbian substitute Uros Djurdjevic con-

trolled a cross with his chest and fired a powerful shot past Jasper Cillessen in the 85th, two minutes after replacing Bertrand Traore. "We were never in the match," Ajax coach Frank de Boer told national broadcaster NOS. "If we had the ball, we gave it away as quickly as possible." De Boer said his team now needs to regroup. The defeat in Arnhem followed

another poor performance in a goalless draw last weekend with arch rival Feyenoord. "We don't need to look above us, we have to look at ourselves," De Boer said. PSV left it late Saturday night to beat Willem II Tilburg 2-1, with Netherlands striker Memphis Depay scoring the winner in the 87th after earlier missing a penalty. Robert Braber gave Willem II the lead on

the half hour against the run of play when he headed in a corner. PSV looked on its way to a shock home defeat to the 11th-placed Tilburg team until Juer-gen Locadia equalized in the 84th minute. Depay, who had blasted his penalty high over the bar in the 76th minute, made amends with his late winner. "I stayed focused," Depay said. "We believed we could create chances

in five minutes. I scored the winner, but the whole team deserved it." Third-placed Feyenoord closed the gap on Ajax by beating ADO The Hague 2-1 on Sunday. Former ADO midfielder Lex Immers opened the scoring in the 10th minute and a Timothy Derijck own goal doubled the lead 10 minutes later. Mike van Duinen headed ADO's only goal two minutes after halftime. □

# Arsenal wins, Southampton loses as top-4 race intensifies

**STEVE DOUGLAS**  
**AP Sports Writer**

The fight for Champions League qualification from the Premier League intensified Sunday, with Arsenal dismantling Aston Villa in its biggest win of the season and Southampton surrendering third place after a surprise home loss to Swansea. Mesut Ozil and Theo Walcott — starting their first league games after long injury lay-offs — were among Arsenal's five different scorers in a 5-0 win at Emirates Stadium, continuing the free-scoring form of Arsene Wenger's team and leaving relegation-threatened Villa with an unwanted record. For the first time in its 141-year history, Villa has gone six league games without a goal.

Arsenal stayed fifth but is now level on points with Southampton, which failed to translate its dominance into goals before being caught out by Jonjo Shelvey's 83rd-minute shot

in a 1-0 defeat. A frustrating afternoon was complete for Southampton when left back Ryan Bertrand was sent off in

United and seventh-place Liverpool with 15 games remaining, in what is shaping up to be a scramble for the final two Champions

looking good to return to Europe's top competition for an 18th straight season. With its injury problems finally relenting, Wenger's

miss injured star forward Alexis Sanchez on Sunday. A miserable afternoon for Villa began when Ozil flicked a long pass through to Olivier Giroud, who surged clear and chipped the goalkeeper in the eighth. The roles were reversed in the 56th, Giroud playing in Ozil for the Germany playmaker to slot a low finish into the corner. In the final half hour, Walcott finished off a counter-attack, Santi Cazorla converted a penalty and right back Hector Bellerin completed the rout in injury time. "I believe that we should try to be consistent and see what happens," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said, when asked if it was too late to make a charge for the title. Arsenal is 11 points behind league leader Chelsea. It is more than 600 minutes since Villa scored in the Premier League and the team is two points and three places above the relegation zone. □



**Arsenal's Theo Walcott, right, celebrates scoring a goal as Aston Villa's Alan Hutton shouts out during the English Premier League soccer match between Arsenal and Aston Villa at the Emirates stadium in London, Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015.**  
(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

the 89th for a dangerous tackle. Only five points separate third-place Manchester

League spots behind the top two of Chelsea and Manchester City. On current form, Arsenal is

attack-minded team has scored 15 goals in the last five games — all of them wins. And it didn't even

# Bilbao ends winless run to keep Levante bottom in Spain

**JOSEPH WILSON**  
**Associated Press**

**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)** — Aritz Aduriz scored twice in the second half to give Athletic Bilbao a 2-0 victory at Levante on Sunday, ending its seven-round winless streak in the Spanish league. Almeria also edged Getafe 1-0 for its first win in 10 home games this season to escape the relegation zone after both teams

ended with 10 men. Bilbao's Iker Muniain hit the crossbar in the 11th minute, but Levante had the better share of scoring chances before halftime. Aduriz struck his first goal three minutes after the restart when he controlled the ball with his chest before firing it past goalkeeper Diego Marino. Bilbao goalkeeper Gorka Iraizoz protected the lead with back-to-back saves

to deny Jordi Xumetra and Ruben Garcia before Aduriz chipped Marino in the 90th after Markel Susaeta played him through. Levante remained bottom of the table and without a win in nine rounds. Bilbao rose to 11th. The Basque club has also reached the Copa del Rey semifinals. "For us to win today was vital," said Aduriz. "We hadn't taken three points

in a long time. We were fighting hard and playing well, just not getting the results. But we kept working hard and now we have the result to show it." Almeria's Edgar Mendez slotted in an angled shot after his team quickly built on a goal kick one minute before halftime. Almeria's Mauro Dos Santos and Jose "Verza" Garcia also hit the woodwork before Getafe lost Sergio Escudero to his

second booking. Almeria's Tomer Hemed was sent off for a late second yellow card. Elsewhere, second-place Barcelona hosted a Villarreal side on an 18-game unbeaten streak as it tried to keep pace with leader Real Madrid. Sevilla also welcomed Espanyol three days after Espanyol knocked it out of the Copa del Rey quarterfinals. □



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## My Tech:

# Using Smartphones and Apps to Enhance Loyalty Programs

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Nearly as long as there have been coffee shops and carwashes, all manner of businesses have handed out buy-10-get-one-free punch cards and hoped to reap the rewards of this simplest of loyalty marketing campaigns. But a new day is dawning.

Smartphones and loyalty apps have begun offering small businesses enhanced program features and automated administration capabilities once affordable only to large companies like airlines and hotel chains. These capabilities also offer the equivalent of a real-world psychology lab for easily evaluating the effects of offerings and incentives on customer loyalty.

"All organisms, in different ways, are drawn to goals," said Oleg Urminsky, who teaches marketing research at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. "The closer we are to achieving our goals, the more motivated we are to keep doing something. As mice on a runway get closer to a food pellet, they run faster." Similarly, he said, "as people get closer to having a completed card, the time between visits gets smaller."

Studies have also shown the psychological benefit of preloading a frequent buyer card with a couple of punches to make the dangled reward appear closer. A carwash that started one set of customers with a buy-eight-get-one-free card and a second set of customers with a 10-wash card already punched twice, found a few months later that nearly twice as many people (34 percent) given the illusion of a head start toward the same goal had redeemed the card as people

(19 percent) who had to earn their first punch. Two researchers, Joseph Nunes and Xavier Drèze, have called this the endowed progress effect.

Though useful, punch cards have shortcomings. For one thing, they're no good if left behind on the refrigerator or misplaced. Do some cashiers triple-punch the cards of friends? Sure. Moreover,

16 states, expects to introduce an app-based loyalty program early this year that its chief marketing officer, Jason Smylie, says will enable shop owners to enrich and fine-tune a prior punch card rewards program. "In addition to buy-10-get-the-11th free, we'll have a points-based program where customers earn points and status per dollar

he said. "I can come in and potentially get something for free. That's awesome."

And effective. Psychologists have a name for this kind of reward - random intermittent reinforcement - and know it as a powerful way to encourage repeat behavior. Think no further than slot machines. Casinos have zeroed in on the gambling habits of their patrons

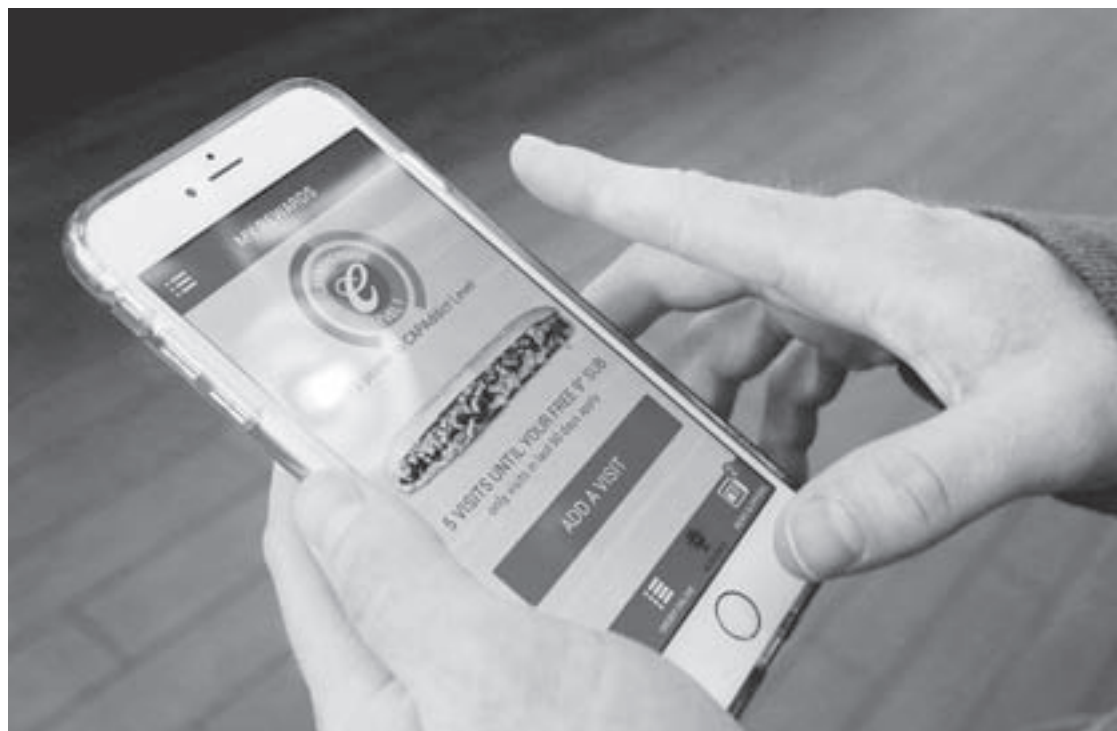
reference that against their social media profiles and market to them more effectively and involve them at a deeper level with our brand."

Jitendra Gupta, an engineer and entrepreneur with a long background in customer-relations management software, said he started developing Punchh in 2010, when "social and mobile were coming together and we wanted to build a program for restaurants and local businesses to get to know their customers and bring them back."

The goal, he said, was to use social networks to drive word of mouth. If a visitor to the company's Facebook page was referred there by a friend, the friend will be sent a notification saying, "Congrats, you just won an extra reward for referring your friend."

Mobile loyalty apps, Gupta explained, can also enable small businesses to run scratch-off sweepstakes programs or more involved games, along the lines of McDonald's Monopoly stickers contests, long the province of Fortune 500 companies.

Smartphone screens can also host engaging games - say, catching falling fruit or objects related to the business - and award a free menu item for reaching certain achievement levels. When children win, he said, the entire family may come in to redeem the reward. "Clearly, this is the best of times for loyalty programs," said Bolden of the Boston Consulting Group, who recommended that small businesses "focus on the non-earn-and-burn aspects of the program." He suggested that spas consider a separate waiting room for their app-identified best customers. □



**The new loyalty app for Capriotti's Sandwich Shop, a chain of 106 stores, is pictured at a newly opened location in Las Vegas. Though useful, punch cards have shortcomings. Moreover, the motivating effects tend to fade. Loyalty apps have replaced the punch card and offer small businesses enhanced program features and automated administration capabilities.**

(Isaac Brekken/The New York Times)

the motivating effects tend to fade, said Dylan Bolden, a partner at the Boston Consulting Group and co-author of a study last year called "Leveraging the Loyalty Margin: Rewards Programs That Work."

"If that's the only thing you do, the punch card becomes more of a price promotion than a loyalty program," Bolden said. In essence, the punch card is primitive compared with dynamic, app-powered loyalty programs.

Capriotti's, a 106-store chain of sandwich shops in

spent," said Smylie, explaining that rewards will rise with increasing status and core customers "will also get surprise-and-delight offers."

The software, developed by the company Punchh, will enable Capriotti's to award a free drink or a dessert - as an unexpected reward at the cash register - to highly valued customers on perhaps 20 percent of their visits.

"You're not only rewarding the customers who are coming more frequently, you're also giving people an incentive to show up,"

through the use of smart cards rather than coins. Retailers can also now better know their customers through loyalty apps, which may also use data from Facebook profiles.

"With apps, you now can target specific customers and influence specific behaviors and keep track of all the results and understand the results," Smylie said. "Because the check-level detail is now tied to a customer's profile, we can understand what their purchasing behavior is, what their interests are and cross-



## Your Money Adviser:

# The Delicate and Dangerous State of Americans' Savings

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More than half of U.S. households have less than one month of income available in readily accessible savings to use in case of an emergency, a new report from the Pew Charitable Trusts finds.

Many financial advisers recommend that families have a savings account holding three to six months' income, in case of a job loss or an unexpected major expense. But regardless of income level, the report found, most Americans lack the recommended level of savings.

Even if they tapped all available resources, including assets that could be costly to tap, like retirement accounts and investments, the typical middle-income family can replace just four months of income, the report found.

The report, "The Precarious State of Family Balance Sheets," found that even though the economy has recovered from the Great Recession, many households remain financially insecure. Most families, the report said, "feel vulnerable and stressed, and could not withstand a serious financial emergency."

The position of lower-income households is particularly precarious, the report found, with less than two weeks' income available in their savings and checking accounts and cash on hand. Such families generally have less

access to credit than higher earners, so have fewer options during a financial crisis. The report drew from a variety of economic data sources, including surveys from the U.S. Census Bureau and the University of Michigan.

Slower income growth in the

up or down. Such volatility, which has been fairly constant since 1979, "likely contributes to families' inability to build a financial cushion," said Erin Currier, director of Pew's financial security and mobility project, in a call discussing the findings with reporters.

said Daniel Boylan, an instructor of finance at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. "The idea of saving six months of income sounds impossible."

Boylan advises setting an initial goal of one month's pay, then moving on to two months' after the first

you to decide every month if you want to do it and how much," he said, "it won't happen."

Jonathan Morduch, a professor of public policy and economics at New York University who has studied the financial habits of low- and moderate-income families, said even lower-income families saved, but they tended to put aside money for specific items they knew they would need in the next two to three months - say, back-to-school clothes or holiday gifts - rather than building reserves for an emergency that may or may not happen.

For some people, getting started is the biggest hurdle. Christina Mele, 50, who works for a temp agency in Virginia Beach, Virginia, said she had never had a savings account until she started saving for an emergency fund last year, after enrolling in the Bank On education program sponsored by the city of Virginia Beach, local banks and community groups.

She set up a savings account at a credit union and has 5 percent of her paycheck automatically deposited to the account. She declined an ATM card so that she couldn't easily get to the money. She has saved \$600 toward her goal of \$1,000. "If you have to physically walk into a branch to withdraw the money," she said, "you'll think twice." □



**Sasha Rodriguez, left, and Adriana Olivieri dine on the patio at the BurgerFi restaurant in Aventura, Fla. More than half of U.S. households have less than one month of income available in readily accessible savings to use in case of an emergency, a new report from the Pew Charitable Trusts finds.**

(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

last decade may have contributed to inadequate savings levels, researchers said. But some trends described in the report, they said, aren't new. For instance, the report found substantial fluctuation in family income is the norm; in any given two-year period, nearly half of households experience a change in income of more than 25 percent - whether

The report and additional research that is underway are aimed at achieving a broader understanding of household finances that will help policymakers create programs that promote "asset accumulation." Personal financial experts say there are ways to build savings, even with limited income. "The hardest part is the psychological side,"

goal is attained, then three months', and so on. "Take it one step at a time," he said. J. Michael Collins, director of the Center for Financial Security at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, advises automating savings by having a fixed amount - even if it's a very small amount - regularly transferred from your checking account to a savings account. "If it's up to

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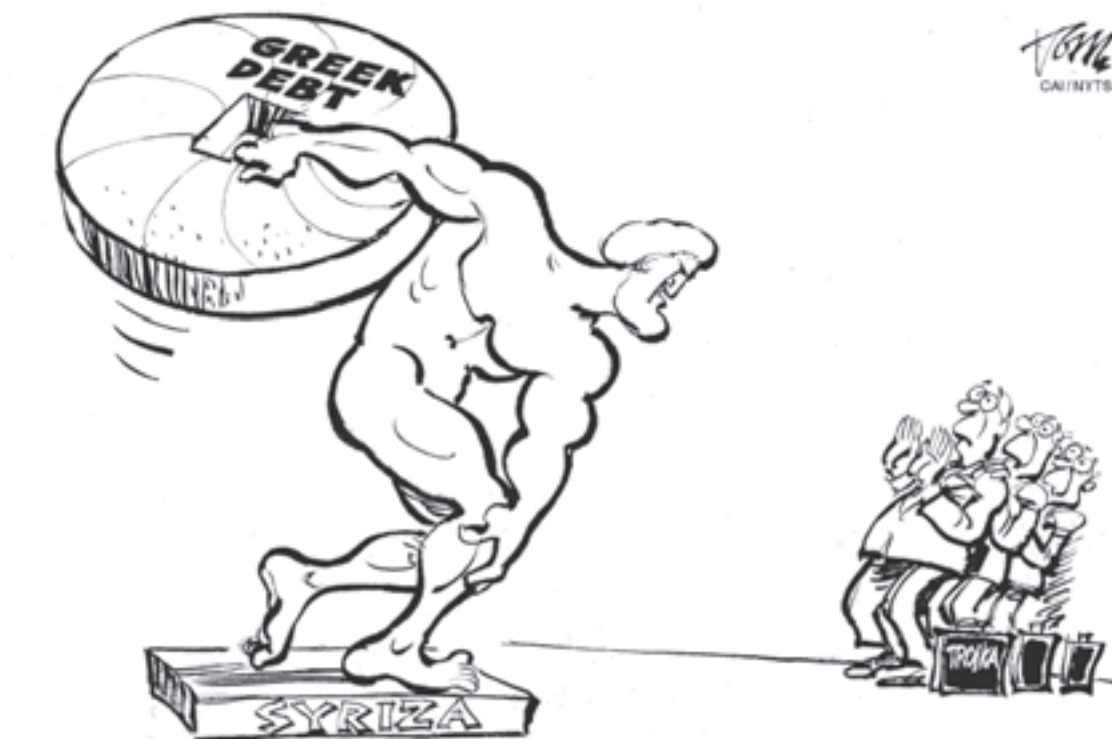
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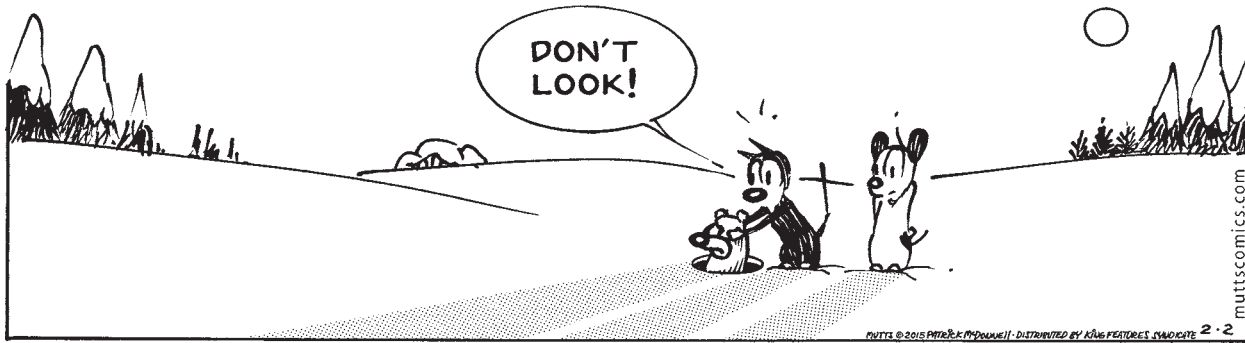




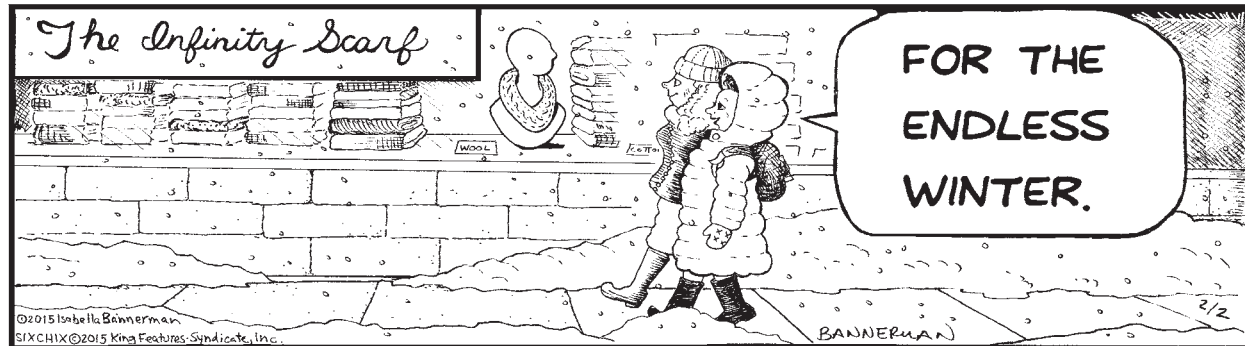
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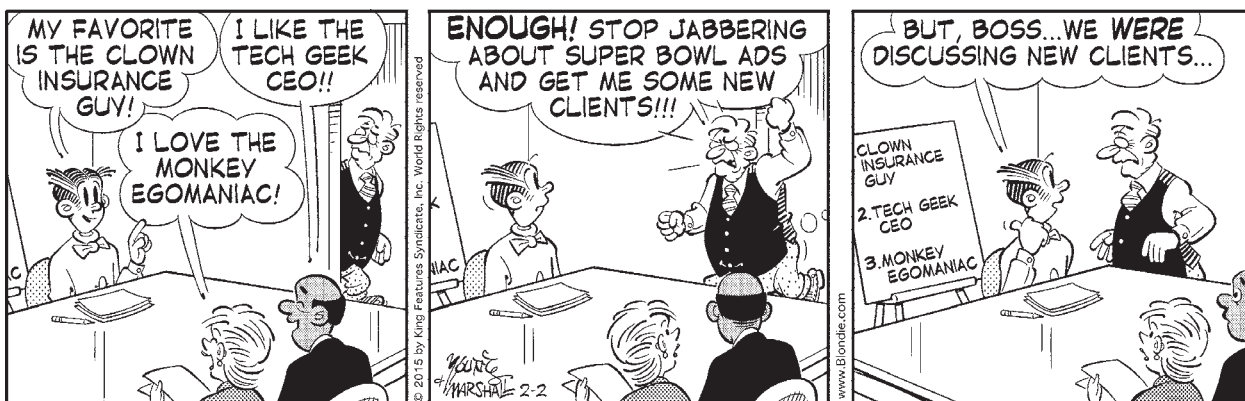
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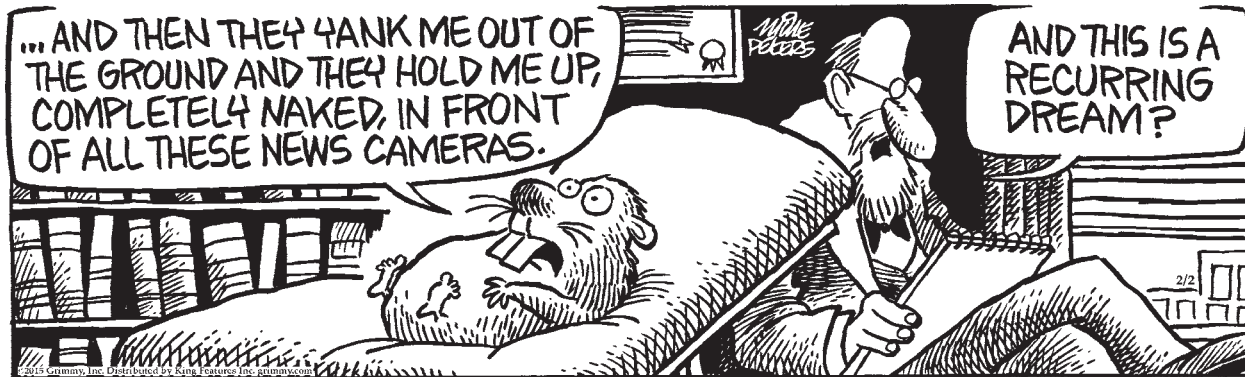
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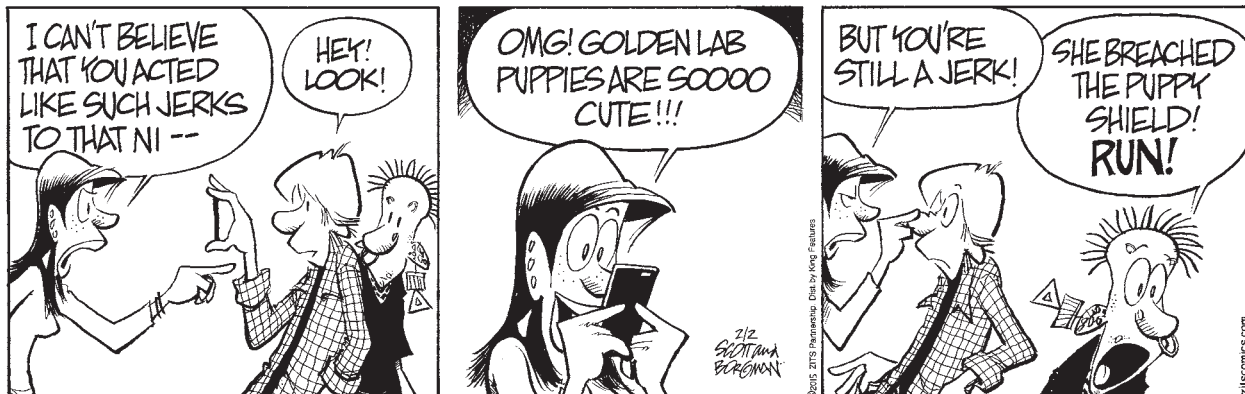
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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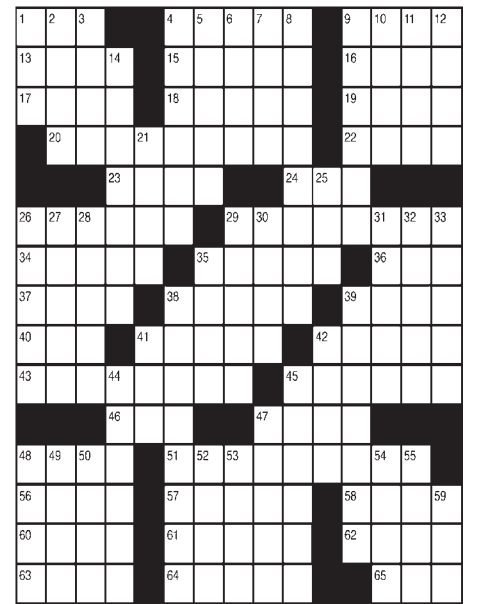
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

1	5	7	6	3	4	2	8	9
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2	1	9	8	7	3	6	5	4
6	3	4	5	1	2	9	7	8
7	8	5	9	4	6	3	2	1

### ACROSS

- Swim \_\_; diver's flipper
- "Remember the \_\_!"
- Carbonated drink
- Dollar bills
- More modern
- Makes fun of
- \_\_ more; again
- Work bread dough
- Ooze out
- "Beat it!"
- Landers and Jillian
- One of the planets
- Edge
- Yacht dock
- Hottest, as salsa
- Without companions
- Actor Michael
- Greek letter
- Punch
- "There's no such \_\_ as a free lunch"
- Warmth
- Beer barrel
- Dabbling ducks
- Filthy \_\_; ill-gotten gain
- Tennis shoes
- \_\_ and raved; carried on
- 2000 pounds
- Crooner
- Crosby
- Boring
- Usher, e.g.
- Frilly trimming
- Objectives
- Ridge of rocks
- Large kitchen appliance
- Pyle or Kovacs
- 2015, for one
- "There \_\_ crooked man..."
- Valentine's Day gift, perhaps
- Arid



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### Saturday's Puzzle Solved

#### DOWN

- Egg \_\_ yong
- Hotels
- Whiplash site
- Turkey's capital
- Gives to a borrower
- Floored
- Breakfast, e.g.
- Telling a waiter what you'd like
- Cured sausage
- \_\_-eyed; alert
- College official
- Inquires
- \_\_ to be; looking like
- Great \_\_; very tall dog
- Frozen water
- Disguises
- Woody or Mel
- Baton \_\_, LA
- Jib & spinnaker
- Bowler's target
- Build
- Be generous
- Carried
- Scorch
- Adolescent
- Budapest's nation
- Fight result, for short
- Terra firma
- Greek goddess of wisdom
- Hoses down
- Misrepresent
- \_\_ it; blunder
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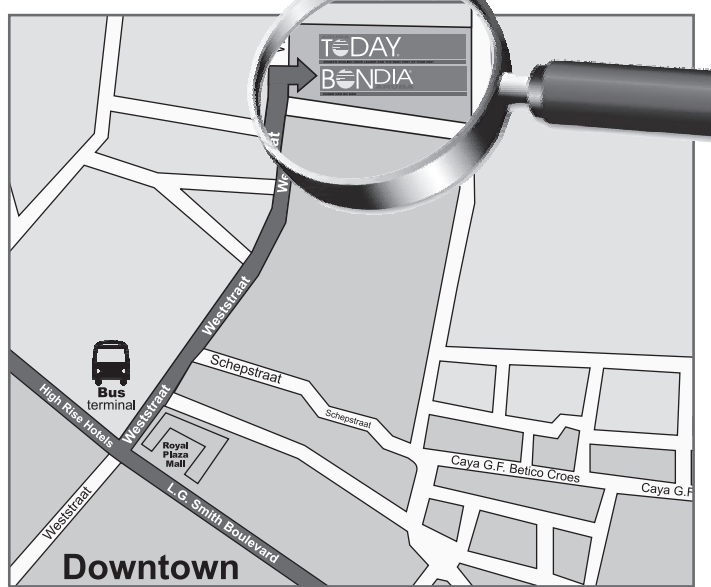


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## A Speck of Interstellar Dust Disrupts a Big Bang Theory

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Scientists will have to wait awhile longer to find out what kicked off the Big Bang.

Last spring, a team of astronomers who go by the name of BICEP announced they had detected ripples in space-time, or gravitational waves, reverberat-

that showed the part of the sky BICEP examined was in fact dusty.

Now a new analysis, undertaken jointly by the BICEP group and the Planck group, has confirmed that the BICEP signal was mostly, if not all, stardust, and that there is no convincing evidence of the gravitational waves. No evidence

When the galactic dust is correctly subtracted, the scientists said, there was indeed a small excess signal - a glimmer of hope for inflation fans? - but it was too small to tell whether it was due to gravitational waves or just experimental noise. The BICEP/Planck analysis was led by Pryke, one of the four BICEP principal in-

final word. A flotilla of experiments devoted to the cause are underway, studying a thin haze of microwaves, known as cosmic background radiation, left from the Big Bang, when the cosmos was about 380,000 years old. Among them is a sister experiment to BICEP called Spider, led by Bill Jones of

gravity. It would explain such things as why the universe looks so uniform and where galaxies come from - quantum dents in the inflating cosmos.

Such an explosion would have left faint corkscrew swirls, known technically as B-modes, in the pattern of polarization of the microwaves. So, however, does interstellar dust.

The BICEP group - its name is an acronym for Background Imaging of Cosmic Extragalactic Polarization - is led by John M. Kovac of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics; Jamie Bock of Caltech; Pryke; and Chao-Lin Kuo of Stanford. They have deployed a series of radio telescopes at the South Pole in search of the swirl pattern.

Their second scope, BICEP2, detected a signal whose strength was in the sweet spot for some of the most popular models of inflation, leading to a sensational news conference attended by Guth and Andrei Linde, two of the founding fathers of inflation.

But that was before critics raised the dust question. Moreover, that result was contrary to a previous limit on the strength of gravitational waves obtained by the Planck satellite, which has scanned the entire microwave sky in search of the Big Bang's secrets.

Planck observed the microwaves in nine frequencies, making it easy to distinguish dust. BICEP2 had only one frequency and lacked access to Planck's data until last fall, when the two groups agreed to work together. Bock of Caltech, in an interview at the end of what he called a long, stressful day, characterized the result as "no detectable signal." □



**An undated handout of the Dark Sector Lab, which houses the Bicep2 telescope, about a mile from the geographic South Pole. Scientists from the Bicep announced in 2014 that the telescope had detected ripples in space from the beginning of time, potentially proving astronomers' most cherished model of the Big Bang. But now a joint analysis of that data against data from the same area of space gathered from the Planck satellite has shown that the signal is likely not cosmological in nature, but caused by dust in our Galaxy. (Steffen Richter/Harvard University via The New York Times)**

ing from the first trillionth of a trillionth of a trillionth of a second of time - long-sought evidence that the expansion of the universe had started out with a giant whoosh called inflation.

The discovery was heralded as potentially the greatest of the new century, but after months of spirited debate, the group conceded the result could have been caused by interstellar dust, a notion buttressed by subsequent measurements by the European Space Agency's Planck satellite

of inflation.

"This analysis shows that the amount of gravitational waves can probably be no more than about half the observed signal," Clem Pryke of the University of Minnesota said Friday in an interview.

"We can't say with any certainty whether any gravity wave signals remain," Pryke added. "Obviously, we're not exactly thrilled, but we are scientists and our job is to try and uncover the truth. In the scientific process, the truth will emerge."

investigators. Brendan Crill, of the California Institute of Technology and a member of Planck, acted as a liaison between the groups. They had planned to post their paper Monday, but the data was posted early, apparently by accident. It was soon taken down, but not before it triggered an outburst of Twitter messages and hasty news releases.

A paper is to be posted to the BICEP website and has been submitted to the Physical Review Letters. But it will be far from the

Princeton and involving a balloon-borne telescope that just completed a trip around Antarctica, as well as BICEP's own Keck Array and the recently installed BICEP3.

At stake is an idea that has galvanized cosmologists since Alan Guth of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology invented it in 1979. Inflation theory holds that the universe underwent a violent and brief surge of expansion in the earliest moments, driven by a mysterious force field that exerted negative



## 'Sniper' shoots down Super Bowl weekend record with \$31.9M

**JAKE COYLE**  
AP Film Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — "American Sniper" shot down another box-office record: Its \$31.9 million is the biggest Super Bowl weekend gross ever.

According to studio estimates Sunday, the Clint Eastwood film narrowly surpassed the previous top Super Bowl weekend draw. The concert film "Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus: The Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour" earned \$31.1 million in 2008.

Hollywood often avoids competing with the Super Bowl as movie-going falls dramatically on Sunday, but "American Sniper" has proven an unlikely sensation. It has now made \$248.9 million in six weeks (and only four weeks of wide release), making it the most lucrative war movie without adjusting for inflation. (The distinction was previously held by Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan.")

The competition was thin, as Hollywood held off any

high-profile releases, largely ceding the weekend to football.

The Weinstein Co. animated adaptation "Paddington" came in a distant sec-

ond.

Made by Michael Bay's production company, Platinum Dunes, "Project Almanac" led a trio of new releases with modest box-office am-

ount. "Project Almanac" director Mike Binder, opened in fourth with \$6.5 million. Costner put up his own money to help finance the film, which Relativity Media distributed.

interest. It made just \$2.9 million. That wasn't much more than the \$1.5 million pulled in by a package of TV reruns. The HBO series "Game of Thrones" earned that in 205 Imax theaters by showing previously aired episodes ahead of the April debut of the show's fifth season.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "American Sniper," \$31.9 million.
2. "Paddington," \$8.5 million.
3. "Project Almanac," \$8.5 million.
4. "Black or White," \$6.5 million.
5. "The Boy Next Door," \$6.1 million.
6. "The Wedding Ringer," \$5.7 million.
7. "The Imitation Game," \$5.2 million.
8. "Taken 3," \$3.7 million.
9. "Strange Magic," \$3.4 million.
10. "The Loft," \$2.9 million. □



In this image released by Warner Bros. Pictures, Bradley Cooper appears in a scene from "American Sniper." (AP Photo/Warner Bros. Pictures, Keith Bernstein)

ond with \$8.5 million in its third weekend. In a virtual tie with it was Paramount's found-footage, time-traveling thriller "Project Alma-

bitions.

"Black or White," a racially-charged custody drama that reteams Kevin Costner with "The Upside of An-

Open Road's "The Loft," a much-delayed remake of a 2008 Dutch thriller directed by its original filmmaker, Erik Van Looy, attracted little

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Owner Benjamin Petrocchi



# Whitney Houston's daughter found unresponsive in tub



Bobbi Kristina Brown, right, and Nick Gordon attend the Los Angeles premiere of "Sparkle" at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles. The daughter of late singer and entertainer Whitney Houston was found Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015, unresponsive in a bathtub by her husband and a friend and taken to an Atlanta-area hospital. The incident remains under investigation.  
(Photo by Jordan Strauss/Invision/AP)

**KATE BRUMBACK  
Associated Press  
ROSWELL, Georgia (AP)** — The daughter of late singer and entertainer Whitney Houston was found unresponsive, face down in a bathtub Saturday and taken to a hospital in the north Atlanta suburbs, police said.

Bobbi Kristina Brown was found by her husband, Nick Gordon, and a friend. The friend called the emergency dispatcher while her husband performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Brown because they did not believe she was breathing nor had a pulse, said Officer Lisa Holland, a spokeswoman for the Roswell Police Department. When police arrived, they gave Brown additional care until she was taken alive to North Fulton Hospital.

A hospital spokeswoman did not return repeated messages seeking comment on Brown's condition. "Right now she's still alive at the hospital," Holland said.

Detectives were still at the home Saturday afternoon trying to determine what occurred.

Police were called to the home Jan. 23 for a report of a fight, Holland said. When officers arrived, they found no one there.

Brown, 21, is the only child of Houston and R&B singer Bobby Brown. A representative for the family did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

Whitney Houston was found dead in a hotel bathtub on Feb. 11, 2012, in Beverly Hills, California. The 48-year-old Houston had struggled for years with cocaine, marijuana and pills, and her behavior had become erratic.

Authorities examining Houston's death found a dozen prescription drug bottles in the hotel suite. They concluded that Houston accidentally drowned. Heart disease and cocaine use were listed as contributing factors in Houston's death.

Over her career, Houston sold more than 50 million records in the United States alone. Her voice, an ideal blend of power, grace and beauty, made classics out of songs like "Saving All My Love For You," "I Will Always Love You," "The Greatest Love of All" and "I'm Every Woman." Her six Grammys were only a fraction of her many awards. Houston had her first No. 1 hit by the time she was 22,

## 'Me and Earl and the Dying Girl' sweeps the Sundance Awards

**LINDSEY BAHR  
AP Film Writer  
PARK CITY, Utah (AP)** — "Me and Earl and the Dying Girl," a quirky, heartfelt story about a pair of student film lovers who befriend a girl with cancer, won both the U.S. dramatic audience award and the grand jury prize at the 31st Sundance Film Festival awards, announced Saturday.

Thomas Mann, R.J. Cyler and Olivia Cooke lead the cast of the idiosyncratic tearjerker from director Alfonso Gomez-Rejon, who dedicated the audience award to all the filmmakers

and artists in his hometown of Laredo, Texas. Nick Offerman, Connie Britton and Molly Shannon also star.

"My love goes out to the entire cast and crew," said Gomez-Rejon. "This movie was about processing loss but really to celebrate a beautiful life and a beautiful man, which is my amazing father ... to celebrate his life through humor."

"The Wolfpack," Crystal Moselle's documentary about six movie-loving teenage boys isolated from society, picked up the grand jury prize for best documentary. □

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